

Greetings,

The Thumb Ministry Group is a gathering of small churches in the Thumb of Michigan. We are congregations of the Lake Huron Presbytery. We are small in number and are churches living in small towns. We have connected for mutual support and cooperation in ministry.

We discovered the recently published book, The Strategically Small Church, by Brandon O'Brien, and have found much of value to us. We believe the materials of the book have much to offer small churches in helping them, and each of us, to rediscover our self-confidence even though remaining small in numbers. We have found this book to be helpful for congregational leaders, our elders and deacons, and our church members at large.

We have developed and scheduled a one-day conference seminar with Brandon O'Brien and want to extend an invitation to attend to other congregations. We envision Brandon O'Brien will share his insights, be open to conversation and questions, and provide time for inter-active conversations for each congregational group.

A light continental breakfast snack will be provided during registration. A soup and sandwich buffet at lunch is also included in the registration fee of \$15 per person attending.

Please find attached our conference brochure.

For more information or registration, you may call the office of the First Presbyterian Church, Croswell, 810-679-3352, or e-mail at: 1stpresbycroswell@sbcglobal.net. Kate Smith, the office secretary is available 9am to 12Noon, Tuesday through Friday. Rev Ken Hetzel is generally available in the afternoons as well. The office answering machine will record any questions if no one is absent and we promise a response as quickly as possible.

We truly believe this will be a helpful and hopeful opportunity for those smaller congregations of which many of us are part. We hope that this is an opportunity in which you may be able to join us.

Blessings in Christ,

The Sister Presbyterian Churches of the Thumb Ministry Group
Rev Kenneth Hetzel, Croswell Presbyterian Church, Croswell, MI